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THE *Minnesota History Bulletin* for February, 1917, has an article and some documents on the Genesis of the Republican party in Minnesota; also a contribution to the "Rune Stone" literature, by Charles C. Wilson.

THE *Bulletin* for May has an article on the Monroe Doctrine and the War, by Carl Becker; one on Some Possibilities of Historical Field Work, by Franklin F. Holbrook. This last paper was read at the Chicago meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, April 26-28, 1917. Mr. Holbrook is making a county survey of Minnesota for the Minnesota State Historical Society.

THE *Nineteenth Biennial Report of the Minnesota Historical Society* covers the years 1915 and 1916. The activity of the Society for the two years was centered around the construction of its magnificent new archive building. The society has 509 members.

THE *Indiana Medical Journal*, March, 1917, has an article by G. C. Graves, on Biblical Medicine; in the April number is an editorial on Shakespeare as Doctor. In the same number is a letter by Dr. John S. Bobbs, written from Washington, July 22, 1861, to Governor Morton, commenting on the Battle of Bull Run.

THE *Sixth Biennial Report of the North Carolina Historical Commission* shows remarkable historical activity in that State. Few if any States are making more progress in the collection and publication of their local history than North Carolina.

*Transactions of the Huguenot Society of South Carolina for 1916* besides the record of its activities for the year has a paper on the Marion Family, dealing largely with its genealogy. Another timely article in the same number is the Influence of Religious Persecution on Huguenot Colonization, by Alexander R. Lawton. The society has a large membership, 566, located in all parts of the world.

*Wisconsin Historical Publications, Proceedings of the Sixty-Fourth Annual Meeting*, besides the annual official rec-

ords, has three historical papers of especial interest to Indiana readers. The first is a paper by Arthur L. Conger on President Lincoln as a War Statesman; the second by Joseph B. Thoburn, on the career of Nathaniel Pryor, a native of Kentucky or Virginia and one of the explorers of the country west of the Mississippi; the third, by William C. Cochran, on The Dream of a Northwest Confederacy. The last paper contains a considerable amount of local Indiana history, based almost entirely on Foulke's *Life of Morton*.

*Smith College Studies in History*, April, 1917, deals with the Development of the Power of the State Executive, by Margaret C. Alexander. This study is based on New York State but applies very well to any of the States.

THE *Iowa Journal of History and Politics* for July, 1917, has two articles of special significance for Indiana. John E. Briggs writes on the Enlistment of Iowa Troops During the Civil War; and Ruth A. Gallaher writes on the Military Indian Frontier, 1830-1835. The latter paper was read at the recent meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Chicago.

THE *Catholic Historical Review*, July, 1917, has two articles that should appeal to Indiana readers: one by Rev. Charles L. Sonvay, C. M., on Rosati's Elevation to the See of St. Louis (1827); the other by Rev. Edwin V. O'Hara, L.L.D., on Catholic Pioneers of the Oregon country.

THE *Journal of Negro History* for July, 1917, contains a twenty-page article, by Dr. H. N. Sherwood, of LaCrosse, Wisconsin, entitled the Formation of the American Colonization Society. The paper was read at the last meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association at Chicago. Dr. Sherwood has done considerable work along this line. In Volume II, *Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, is another article by him. The article is written from original records gathered from all parts of the world.

THE *Missouri Historical Review* for 1917 contains six historical papers, all of wide interest; Missouri's Centennial, by W. B. Stevens; Missouri and the Santa Fe Trade, by F. F.

Stephens; Missourians Abroad, by Ivan L. Epperson; A State Flower for Missouri, by Marie L. Goodman; Adair County Historical Society, by E. M. Violette; and How Missouri Counties, Towns and Streams Were Named, by David W. Eaton.

THE *Records of the American Catholic Historical Society* for June, 1917, has a considerable number of documents relating to the San Domingo Refugees who fled to Philadelphia during the uprisings at the close of the eighteenth century. These are edited by Jane Campbell. There is also a continuation of Father Peter Helbron's Register of Baptisms at Greensbury, Pennsylvania, 1812-1827.

THE *Mississippi Valley Historical Review* for June, 1917, has three historical articles: The Doukhobars in Canada, by Elina Thorsteinson; Sectionalism in Kentucky from 1855 to 1865, by James R. Robertson; and Historical Activities in the Old Northwest, by Arthur C. Cole.

THE *Louisiana Historical Quarterly* made its initial appearance on the anniversary of the Battle of New Orleans, 1917. It is a welcome addition, doubly welcome if it will make known to history all the wealth of the old Cabildo's papers. Most of the first number is taken up with the Western Boundary question. A great many documents on this and other subjects are given.

THE *Indiana University Alumni Quarterly*, July, 1917, contains the Indiana University Commencement address by Lucius B. Swift. The title is America's Debt to England. This is a timely and scholarly address. Besides this President William Lowe Bryan discusses the Function of the University; Dr. James A. Woodburn describes a Commencement in War Time; and Dr. S. B. Harding contributes an article on Lafayette and Our Debt to France.

*History of the Civil War Military Pensions, 1861-1865*, by John William Oliver. This is a doctoral thesis submitted to the history faculty of the University of Wisconsin and is printed as *Bulletin* 844 of that university.

Mr. Oliver divides his subject into four chapters; the first is called the Civil War Decade, in which he outlines the

six pension laws enacted before congress adjourned in 1870. Chapter II deals with the Codification of 1873 and attempted reforms of the Pension system. Chapter III deals with the Arrears of Pensions Act 1879. Chapter IV is entitled Pensions and Politics. It seems that on the whole Mr. Oliver has taken too dark a view of the period. It was a period of poor public service, but the administration of the Pension Bureau was not worse than that of several others. Few bills passed congress in those days except they were backed by lobbies. Compared with the railroad lobby of that time the pension lobby was microscopic in size. The author has done well in citing many caustic remarks and editorials concerning the pension system, but he owed it to his subject to state boldly the underlying justice of pensions and especially of the Arrears Act of 1879.

*New Constitution Text Book and Manual of Ready Reference*, Prepared and published by the Citizens League of Indiana; paper; 165 pages, price 25c.

This pamphlet has all kinds of information, intended to be valuable to delegates to the lately deceased State Constitutional Convention. The Citizens League of Indiana was organized at Fort Wayne, August 1, 1914, to carry on an agitation for a constitutional convention. It has conducted a three year campaign by means of publications and speeches.

JUDGE ROSCOE KIPER is the author of a fitting little Patriot's Creed, which has been issued for private circulation.

THE "Centennial Ode of Dubois County," written by George R. Wilson, was printed in the *Huntingburg Independent*, July 28, 1917. The poem celebrates the first settlers of the locality.

#### STATE PUBLICATIONS

*Fifth Annual Report of the Department of Inspection and Supervision of Public Offices of Indiana, 1915-1916.* GILBERT HENDREN, State Examiner.

THIS volume is not recommended for light summer reading, but for voters and taxpayers in general and public officers particularly it is the best the State puts out. The work of